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Gentlemen

The Commission is rushing us into  
allowing a well-nigh unlimited monopoly  
ownership of local media

-This is being done virtually in secret.

This is wrong.

I strongly oppose it

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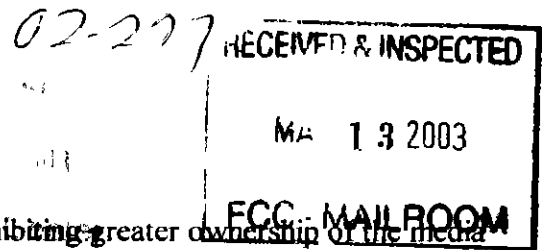
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I am thoroughly against relaxing the FCC rules prohibiting greater ownership of the media in America by corporations. There is already too great a concentration of the media in this country. Its not as bad as some police states in the world, but we're getting there. As it is, we have a controlled media in this country which has been manipulating public opinion for decades. We need less, not more, concentration of the media in this country.

If anything, I'm for tightening the rules regarding ownership of the various media outlets. I'd even prohibit cross ownership of the media. You can be in the print media, or broadcasting, or cable, or what have you, but you can not be involved in two or more media outlets, and even then each media outlet should be as fragmented as possible.

As for the internet, it should definitely remain free, with no controls at all being placed on it. Freedom first and absolute or we will gradually lose our freedoms-as is already happening today in America. By relaxing the rules prohibiting ownership of the media by large corporations you will not only increase concentration of the media into fewer and fewer hands, but at the same time reduce freedom in this country. It would be like forcing everybody to eat at McDonald's.

Since I'm at it, here are a few more observations. First, the FCC is already far too much under the control of large corporations and political control. It is no longer a free and independent government agency looking out for and protecting the public interest. Its more like the SEC where politicians and large corporations called the shots, and as a result the public got screwed-big time. The same thing is happening at the FCC. Politicians and large corporations are also calling the shots at the FCC, and as a result the public is also going to get screwed big time-as they did when the broad band wavelengths were simply given away. I must add, without much in the way of public hearings, as is pretty much happening here on this issue.

In short, the fix is in, and you know it. This is just show. There has not been adequate discussion or debate about this issue, and certainly no outreach by the FCC to get public input on this issue. For months I tried calling the FCC about this and other issues and couldn't get through. Instead you get a computer menu and a dead end. The fact is, the FCC works for large media corporations and their lobbyists, not the public.

Just as an aside here, one of those other issues was about the tremendously increased volume you get when TV advertisements come on. Most irritating. I thought it was illegal, and if not, it should be. I don't have a device to accurately read the decibel levels, but when my windows start to vibrate and neighbors call the police for making a public disturbance then you know the volume is too loud. Calling public TV stations about this is useless, and its obvious the FCC is not monitoring the situation. Anyway, the point I'm making is that the FCC is not in any way user friendly, and that's because the FCC is working for large corporations and not the public. You don't want public input, and you have stacked the deck in such a way as to limit any public input. You know the networks-all owned by large corporations-are not going to cover this issue. Its also obvious you're not making any large scale effort to alert the public and are planning to slid these rule changes through with as little public debate or scrutiny as possible. This

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issue is largely all being done behind closed doors, with the minimal legal requirements being met and carried out.

The fact is, the news is already being censored and manipulated in this country by large corporations, and you would increase that by giving them even more control of the media by relaxing your rules governing media ownership in this country? As it is, the large conglomerates of today are creating both horizontal and vertical monopolies that are destroying freedom in this country. Your job is to protect that freedom. Not give it away.

This issue shouldn't even be on the table. The fact that it is only proves the influence of special interests. In fact, I'll bet you, going by the history at other government agencies, that after leaving your job at the FCC you will go to a high paying job connected in some way to a large corporation involved with the media. Shows you how much I trust this whole process. Anyway. You got my input.

Tom Felt  
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I tried sending by email, but not sure it took. Something about characters. Anyway, please make this part of the public record & give copies to all of the commissioners. Thank you

Tom Felt

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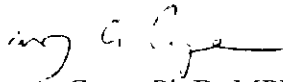
RE Opposition to change in rules limiting ownership of media outlets by companies

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposed changes in rules that limit media ownership by corporations. I feel that making changes that would make it easier for large conglomerates to buy up all of the bandwidth would further reduce the diversity of opinion in the media. If anything these rules should be strengthened to further limit the number of TV, cable and communications systems any one company can own. I live in Baltimore where too much ownership in the hands of too few owners, has diminished the quality of journalism in our community. Consolidation of media ownership has already resulted in reduced local reporting and reduced expression of diverse political opinions. The changes the FCC is purporting to make would further exacerbate these serious problems. Competition and diversity in media should not be measured by the number of cable channels and web sites, but by the ownership of the most dominant media outlets. The increase in the number of outlets has not effectively provided diversity, and commonly owned media does not have incentives to provide diverse formats, programming, or content, as the FCC has claimed.

Sincerely,



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May 6, 2003

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Re: Opposition to Media Ownership Changes

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposal which would loosen the rules which were designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. I believe that ownership limits are necessary to ensure viewpoint diversity, and if anything, these rules should be tightened not loosened. In Baltimore, we have already suffered from the loss of locally owned media outlets, and the appearance of larger media companies has weakened the quality of news reporting. Competition and diversity in media should not be measured by the number of cable channels and web sites, but by the ownership of the most dominant media outlets. The increase in the number of outlets has not effectively provided diversity, and commonly owned media does not have incentives to provide diverse formats, programs, or content, as the FCC has claimed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Clemans-Cope".

Lisa Clemans-Cope  
Doctoral Student, Johns Hopkins University

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Dear Commission,

I am greatly concerned about possible media ownership de-regulation. Already, the nation's seven largest cable television operators control more than 75% of the market. For the health and fairness of our society, we must actively maintain diversity within media sources. It is the Commission's responsibility to ensure this. Negligence to do this would be a great travesty. Please act on behalf of an educated and balanced society.

Thank You,



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May 7, 2003

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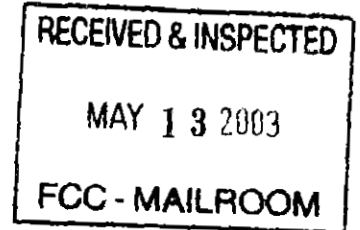
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Dear Sirs / mesdames:

Please insure that one large  
corporation is not allowed to  
control the news we see or  
hear over the air waves.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie  
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